

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve

PUBLIC USE COUNTING AND REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

Following are detailed instructions for collecting and reporting data to be entered on Form 10-157, Revised, Monthly Public Use Report by Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. These instructions are effective the date of issuance and will continue in effect unless changed by amendment or by memorandum from the Socio-Economic Studies Division to the superintendent approving a requested change.

Each item below describes the procedures to be followed in collecting public use data and summarizing the various elements of those data for entry on the corresponding line on the 10-157, Monthly Public Use Report.

Recreation Visits

Winter Months (October through April)

The number of visitors is estimated as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Month	Estimate Visitor Use
January	25
February	95
March	230
April	520
October	530
November	60
December	35

Summer Months (May through September)

1. The number of visitors to the visitor center.
2. The number of visitors to Slana ranger station.
3. The number of visitors to Chitina ranger station.
4. The number of visitors to Yakutat ranger station.
5. The number of visitors entering the park but not going to the visitor center or a ranger station is estimated as forty-eight percent of the sum of the visitor center and ranger stations counts.

6. The number of visitors to Kennecott.

Non-recreation Visits

The number of non-recreation visitors entering the park is estimated as nine percent more than the previous year in the month May through September and five percent more in the months October through April.

Recreation Visitor Hours

The number of recreation visitors is multiplied by 46 hours.

Non-recreation Visitor Hours

The number of non-recreation visitors is multiplied by 12 hours.

Overnight Stays

NPS Backcountry - Miscellaneous Sites

The number of overnight stays by backcountry campers.

NPS Miscellaneous -

The number of nights stayed by group campers.

Non--recreation Overnight Stays -

The number of nights stayed by non--recreation visitors.

Special Use Data

Line a. The number of school programs

Line b. The school program attendance

Line c. The off-site program attendance

Line d. The number of mail/phone requests

Line e. The number of visitors to the visitor center

Line f. The number of visitors to Slana ranger station

Line g. The number of visitors to Chitina ranger station

Line h. The number of visitors to Yakutat ranger station